

Chairman's Statement On Additional Aircraft Information To Be Presented

In accordance with Article V, paragraph 2, and Annex C of the Treaty, certain mission planning information shall be provided when a State Party designates an observation aircraft. The Flight Rules and Procedures Working Group recommends that, in order to facilitate the mission planning process for a taxi option, the following additional information should be provided:

Total usable fuel (typical) as configured for Open Skies operations.

Ground operation fuel required (standard planning factors for taxi/pre-takeoff).

Take-off fuel required (fuel used from brake release to flaps up configuration).

Climb time, distance and fuel used to the altitudes cited in Annex C.

Normal *en route* cruise (depiction/performance curve representing a range of aircraft gross weights, altitudes and fuel used).

Normal bank angle (if different from standard or half standard rate turns).

En route climbs (depiction/performance curve representing a range of aircraft gross weights, fuel used, distance traveled, and time required).

En route descents (curve representing range, time and fuel used for *en route* descents).

Descent/landing time and fuel (standard planning factors for approach and landing from an Initial Approach Point).

Fuel reserve required at landing/at an alternate site.

Typical aircraft turn-around time during en route stops.

Crew duty day limitations.

This information may be provided in text, graph or table format (as appropriate). It may be provided at the time of the Annex C data exchange, aircraft certification or, in the case of a subsequent decision to provide the taxi option, in a timely manner.